Waiving Interest on Cooperative Loans Payable by Fanners in Drought Affected State*

1677. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India have accepted the policy of waiving the interest on loans payable by the farmers to cooperative societies as one of the drought relief measures: and

(b) whether the Government of India would share the burden of the States when the States waive the interest payable by the farmers on such loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGEN-DRA MAKWANA): (a) As a policy, the Government of India are not in favour of any measures involving write off/waiver of cither loan or interest thereon payable by the farmers to Cooperative Socities, as it tends to vitiate the climate of recovery, encouraee wilful default and undermine the viability of credit institution. However, there are inbuilt provisions tinder the existing instiutional arrangements for conversion/reschedulement of loans in the event of crop fapure due to national calamities. In addition, the Government of India have also introduced a new comprehensive crop insurance scheme with effect from kharif, 1985, with a view to provide Telief to the loanee farmers in the event of crop failure due to natural calamities.

(b) In view of the position exlained above, there is no such propsosal.

----Paradeep Phosphate .. Limited ..

1678. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHU-YAN- Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which the office of Paradeep Phosohate Limited has been func tioning in Delhi in addition to one in Orwsa; and

(b) whether Government propose to close down the Delhi office of the unit immedfa*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS (SHRI !K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) The Paradeer-Phosphates Limited (P.P.L.) is implementing fertilizers project at Paradeep in two phases. Phase I of the project has been completed. Phase II $_0$f the project which involves the construction of Phosphoric Acid. Sulphuric Acid and Captive Power Plants. is in hand. At this stage of the project, important functions like planning procurement of equipment organising working capital, liaison with Government agencies etc. can be done more effectively from Delhi.

(c) There is no proposal to close down the Delhi office of the company immediately.

Ownership of Janta Flats in Raujit Nagar.. New Delhi ...

1679. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the owner ship has not so far been given to the allottees of DDA Janta Flats built in Ranjit Nagar. near Shadi Pur, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the price of these flats has not yet been fixed by DDA and DDA has not handed over the flats to their owners as a result of which neither DDA nor the owners undertake the repair and maintenance thereof;

(c) whether the griUs/glazing in tb* windows have not yet been fixed so far as a result of which thefts frequently take place in these flats;

(d) whether it is a fact that staircases are not covered and thus pose a serioue threat to children;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the menace of stray cattle like pigs has made the life miserable in this colony particu larly in 'C to 'E' Blocks; and

(f) if so, what steps Government pro pose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOP MENT (SHRI DALBTR SINGH): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government of India i *vide* its order dated 11.6.84 has decided!